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Marshall Medical School ranked in Top 20 in new study

A groundbreaking national study published June 15 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* ranks the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine among the top 20 in the United States in fulfilling medical schools' fundamental mission: training physicians to care for the nation's population as a whole.

The George Washington University study breaks new ground by providing what the journal's news release called "a real-time and real-place report" on doctors who graduated between 1999 and 2001: what their backgrounds are, where they work, and what kind of medicine they practice.

Led by Dr. Fitzhugh Mullan, the researchers then calculated a "social mission score" for each medical school based on the percentage of graduates who practice primary care, who work in health professional shortage areas, or who are underrepresented minorities (since this group historically provides a disproportionate share of health care to the nation's minority and underserved populations).

Marshall's Dr. John Walden, associate dean and chairman of the Department of Family and Community Health, said the study offers a long-overdue look at how medical education performs in creating a physician workforce that effectively reaches the population to provide treatment and preventive care.

"It seems about time someone looked at these kinds of things," said Walden. "The study is a positive take on rethinking, in part, priorities in medical education, and recognizing that improving the nation's health is not

necessarily so much about developing a new drug as about actually getting treatment to people."

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said the independent nature of the study is even stronger evidence that Marshall is a national leader in training physicians who meet the rural medicine mission of the university.

"This research independently confirms that Marshall's medical school is serving the people of rural and medically underserved areas of West Virginia and the region through the education and placement of skilled physicians in these areas. We truly are continuing to fulfill the mission set forth for Marshall's medical school when it was created," Kopp said.

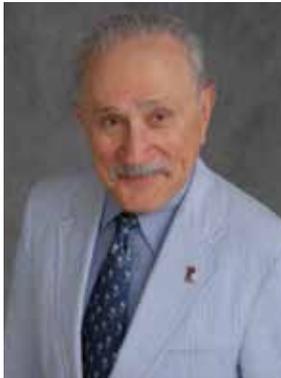
The dean of Marshall's medical school, Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., said the school's distinction is especially valued since it results from unsolicited analytical and objective analysis.

"Dr. Mullan is one of the nation's most experienced, insightful, authoritative physicians, and his expertise in this particular field is essentially unchallenged," he said, adding that the *Annals of Internal Medicine* ranks "at absolutely the top" of national and international medical journals.

"Providing well-trained and highly skilled primary care physicians to practice in West Virginia remains the solid foundation of our mission," he said. "We are very proud of our results, and also pleased with our contribution – with the state's other two medical schools – toward making primary care accessible to people across West Virginia."

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SOM announces retirements

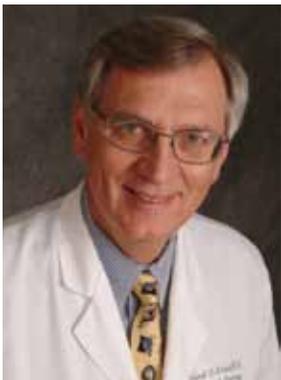


Dr. Cowell

After 15 years of service to Marshall's School of Medicine, Dr. Daniel Cowell has retired – again.

The chair of the Department of Psychiatry from 1994 to 2002, Dr. Cowell retired from that role in 2002 but continued in his positions of professor and associate dean for graduate medical education. He was promoted to senior associate dean for graduate medical education in 2005. During his tenure as associate dean his special accomplishments included developing a core curriculum series for residents and overseeing Marshall's implementation of resident duty hour restrictions.

Before coming to Marshall, he spent 33 years with the U.S. Public Health Service, including serving as director of the Office of Mental Health and chief psychiatrist for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. (See page 50 for Cowell Memorial Scholarship story.)



Dr. Nerhood

Dr. Robert C. Nerhood retired July 31 as senior associate dean for clinical affairs and chair of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

“Bob Nerhood has provided outstanding service and leadership to the medical school in both roles, and his dedicated and effective leadership has built a strong foundation for those who will succeed him,” said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., Marshall's vice president for health sciences and dean of the medical school.

A member of the school's full-time faculty since 1992, Nerhood has been active in his specialty and in professional affairs generally. His leadership activities have included serving as chair of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology District IV Perinatal Committee, ACOG's West Virginia Section, the West Virginia Perinatal Task Force, and the Cabell Huntington Hospital Board of Directors. (See page 51 for Nerhood Conference Room story.)

School of Medicine appoints Werthammer, Jude, and Wehner



Dr. Werthammer

Dr. Joseph W. Werthammer has assumed the position and responsibilities of senior associate dean for clinical affairs, and **Dr. David C. Jude**, Class of 1988, became interim chair of the

Department of Ob/Gyn on August 1. “Dr. Werthammer brings to his new position extensive administrative experience in integrating clinical practice and successful medical education. Dr. Jude has shown highly capable and dedicated performance as vice chair of ob/gyn,” Dr. Charles McKown, vice president and dean of the School of Medicine said.



Dr. Jude

A member of the faculty since 1981, Werthammer is chair of the Department of Pediatrics, director of the pediatrics clerkship and medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Jude, who joined the faculty in 1993, is the Zacharias Professor for Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology, as well as director of the ob/gyn residency program.

Paulette S. Wehner, Class of 1989, succeeds Daniel Cowell as associate dean for graduate medical education, coordinating



Dr. Wehner

and overseeing Marshall’s residency and fellowship training programs in cardiology, endocrinology, family medicine, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, pediatrics, pulmonary

medicine and surgery.

Wehner, who continues as program director for Marshall’s cardiovascular fellowship, is director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Cabell Huntington Hospital and medical director of the hospital’s cardiac rehabilitation program. She also is medical director of the Women’s Heart Institute at St. Mary’s Medical Center. An active researcher, she is principal site investigator at St. Mary’s for the VIRGO trial, a study being conducted in conjunction with Yale University to evaluate heart attacks in young women.

Since joining the Marshall faculty in 1995, Wehner has received numerous awards from medical students for her teaching, and she was named “Outstanding Program Director” in 2001. She is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society, as well as a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Physicians and the American College of Chest Physicians. She has been a member of Marshall’s Academy of Medical Educators since its inception in 2004.

She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and earned her medical degree at Marshall, where she also did her residency and fellowship training.

M Marshall University and Chapmanville community break ground for center expanding health, educational opportunities



Looking on at the ground breaking is Senator Ron D. Stollings, MD, Class of 1982. Turning first dirt are Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., vice president and dean of the School of Medicine; Roger McGrew, chairman, Logan Healthcare Foundation; Jennifer T. Plymale, director, Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health; Senator Earl Ray Tomblin, West Virginia State Senate President-Lieutenant Governor; and Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, Marshall University president.

Marshall University and the Chapmanville community broke ground April 2 for a Rural Health & Clinical Education Center to serve southern West Virginia.

In addition to being the permanent home of the Coalfield Health Center, which now is operating in temporary quarters, the new facility will enable both expanded health care services and career training opportunities.

Marshall is able to construct the new facility thanks to more than \$2.7 million in funding secured by the late U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd and a strong collaboration among community leaders, the Logan Healthcare Foundation and Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health.

Senate President-Lieutenant Governor Earl

Ray Tomblin, the event's keynote speaker, said the center will offer long-term benefits that extend beyond the health care it provides. "It also gives us the opportunity to have doctors doing their residencies in the area," he said. "This will be part of their educational process and they will come here, get involved with the community and, hopefully, stick around for many years to come to provide health care to our citizens here."

He said the center's focus on primary care is important.

"If we can teach people to live healthier lifestyles, in the long run, we'll have better and longer lives in southern West Virginia," he said.

Representing Marshall at the event were President Stephen J. Kopp, Vice President and Dean Charles H. McKown Jr., and Center for



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Rural Health Director Jennifer Plymale. Other speakers included Roger McGrew of the Logan Healthcare Foundation, Congressman Nick J. Rahall, and Sen. Ron Stollings, MD.

The teaching health center, expected to open in January, will have a family medicine and pediatrics clinic, plus satellite X-ray and blood/draw/laboratory facilities. Later, specialty clinics will occupy the second floor, providing permanent or rotating services. The center will incorporate support space for training medical students, residents, and students in other health professions.

The Logan Healthcare Foundation provided the site on Airport Road in Chapmanville at no cost and has made a direct grant of \$180,000 for



operating and start up assistance. Marshall's Center for Rural Health has committed \$150,000 in start up capital.

U **University heart testing laboratory receives accreditation**

Marshall's University Cardiovascular Services has become the community's only nuclear cardiology laboratory to receive accreditation from the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories. The accreditation is valid through September 2012.

Nuclear cardiology testing helps in diagnosing and treating heart disease by allowing doctors to evaluate the heart's pumping function and blood flow.

The commission describes the accreditation as a "seal of approval" that it awards only after determining a facility complies with standards covering physician and technologist training and experience, procedures, equipment, safety and quality assurance processes.

University Cardiovascular Services is part of University Physicians & Surgeons. Attending

physicians with the department are Drs. Silvestre Cansino, Mehiar El-Hamdani, Francis Le, Rameez Sayyed, Tina Sias, Ralph Stevens II, Mark Studeny (chairman), Ellen Thompson, Paulette Wehner and Everett Wray III. Nurse practitioners are Heather Carver, Traci Phillips and Beth White.

The Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories is a non-profit organization sponsored by the American College of Cardiology, the American College of Nuclear Physicians, the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the Academy of Molecular Imaging, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, and the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section.



F Farrell Professorship in Endocrinology

The School of Medicine has established the Joseph M. Farrell, MD, Professorship in Endocrinology, an endowed position that represents additional resources both to Marshall's diabetes research and its endocrinology fellowship program, the only one of its kind in West Virginia.

The school received funding for the professorship, as well as other activities to reduce the problem of diabetes in West Virginia, as the result of the settlement of a class action lawsuit in which the Huntington law firm Farrell, Farrell & Farrell, PLLC, was involved.

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, said Marshall received more than \$3 million in the settlement, thanks to the concentrated efforts of attorney Michael J. Farrell, whose roles at Marshall have ranged from student body president to interim president, and co-counsel Tamela J. White.

"Dr. Joseph Farrell was a distinguished physician, who, along with a few other colleagues, laid the groundwork for modern medicine in Huntington," McKown said. "He also was well known for the mentoring he generously provided to other physicians during his career. It is indeed fitting to recognize him through the naming of this professorship."

Michael Farrell, Joseph Farrell's son, said his father treated many people with diabetes during the 45 years he practiced internal medicine in Huntington. "The legacy of this Endocrinology Chair in his honor will be better and more focused educational opportunities regarding endocrinology and diabetes for both medical students at the university and continuing medical education programs for physicians," he said. "These educational endeavors will improve the medical interventions and produce better



Members of the Farrell family along with Dr. Charles H. McKown, Jr., vice president and dean of the School of Medicine, display the framed portrait of their father Dr. Joseph Farrell. (L to R) Paul, Margaret (Perkins), Dr. McKown, Mike, John and Joe

healthcare for all persons afflicted with diabetes for generations to come."

In a ceremony unveiling Joseph Farrell's portrait, Dr. Kevin Yingling, chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, remembered the physician as "a role model for best medical care" who contributed greatly to the community.

"We appreciate the efforts of Tammy White, Mike Farrell and the Farrell family for their contributions to the Farrell Professorship and support of programs in endocrinology here," he said. "The monies awarded to the School of Medicine that support the Farrell Professorship in Endocrinology continue to advance the clinical care and education of diabetic patients across the region, especially in southern West Virginia, and will also provide support for endocrinology fellowship, training including clinical research."

Henry Driscoll, MD, FACP, is the first Farrell professor. He is chief of the Section of Endocrinology and medical director of the Marshall University Diabetes Center. His

research interest is in the immunopathogenesis of diabetes. He has authored articles and participated in studies in the mechanisms of pancreatic islet-cell hormone secretion, effects of nutritional deficiency, therapies for diabetes and thyroid cancer.

Driscoll has served as director of the internal medicine clerkship and as a member and chair of the Institutional Review Board. He is a member of the Endocrine Society, Sigma Xi, the American Federation for Medical Research, the American Medical Association, the West Virginia State Medical Association, the Cabell County Medical Society and the Norval Carter

Memorial Medical Society. He is a member of the Professional Section of the American Diabetes Association and has served as president of its local, state and regional affiliated organizations.

In addition to having the state's only endocrinology fellowship training program, Marshall's Chertow Diabetes Center has the state's largest group of board-certified endocrinologists in West Virginia and the region. Its active research program has resulted in 11 publications and 16 national presentations in the past three years.



Dr. Kevin Yingling, Class of 1985, chair, Department of Internal Medicine, with Mike Farrell and Tammy White



D Dr. Paul Ambrose Memorial Fund again supports medical mission trip

For the third year, 39 medical students, health care providers and other students participated in a medical mission trip to Honduras. Funding for the trip was provided by the Dr. Paul W. Ambrose Memorial Fund and through the personal generosity of his parents Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose. The team was part of Global Medical Brigades (GMB) an international network that sends teams to developing countries to provide healthcare.

Medical students Jacob Kilgore and Brent Kidd respectively were the co-ordinator and vice co-ordinator of this year's trip from July 12 – 18.

Jacob Kilgore, SOM mission co-ordinator, stated, "Our experiences in Honduras cannot be described any better than life changing. Not only were we able to treat nearly 1,600 people in less than a week's time, but the relationships we formed both as a group and with the Honduran communities will continue with us long after our journey's end. I was so fortunate to be a member of this team and this trip, and none of this would have been possible without the generous support of the Ambrose family."



Ken and Sharon Ambrose are presented a memento from Brent Kidd and Jacob Kilgore.



For their contributions, we will be forever indebted."

HONDURAS MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Jacob Kilgore	MS-I (MUSOM)	Shawndra Thompson	Undergraduate/Incoming MS-I
Brent Kidd	MS-I (MUSOM)	Sara Lilly	Undergraduate/BioMed
Alex Overmiller	MS-I (MUSOM)	Allison Combs	Undergraduate/Chemistry
Samantha Creel	MS-I (MUSOM)	Holly Overmiller	Undergraduate/Pre-med
Michael Kinder	MS-I (MUSOM)	Marjorie Ellen Soltis	Undergraduate/Pre-med
Shannon James	MS-I (MUSOM)	Shayla Min	Undergraduate/Pre-med
Arifa Khokar	MS-I (MUSOM)	Jesse Chaffin	BioMed Graduate Student
Caleb Huff	MS-I (MUSOM)	Aaron Dom	BioMed Graduate Student
Regina Guzzo	MS-I (MUSOM)	Carrie Beth Cox	BioMed Graduate Student
Elias Salloum	MS-I (MUSOM)	Alex Munoz	BioMed Graduate Student
Adam Short	MS-I (MUSOM)	Amy Young	BioMed Graduate Student
Chris Bates	MS-I (MUSOM)	Susan Overmiller	Physical Therapist
Katie Richardson	MS-I (MUSOM)	Gerald Soltis	Optometrist
Russ Richardson	MS-I (MUSOM)	Sarah Young	Nurse (R.N.)
Shaun Stanley	MS-I (MUSOM)	Beth White	Nurse Practitioner - Cardio
Ayah Arafa	MS-I (MUSOM)	Dr. Charles Clements	Physician - FP
Katherine Steele	MS-I (MUSOM)	Dr. Carl Overmiller	Physician - Surgeon
Jessica Price	MS-I (WFSOM)	Susan Lopata	MS-IV (MUSOM)
Candace Curry	MS-I (WFSOM)	Rebecca Child-Byard	MS-IV (MUSOM)
Cherie Overmiller	PT Student		



The loss of Senator Byrd

President Barack Obama called Senator Robert C. Byrd “an authoritative scholar, respected leader, and unparalleled champion of our Constitution. He scaled the summit of power, but his mind never strayed from the people of his beloved West Virginia.”

Byrd brought the state billions of dollars for highways, federal offices, research institutes and dams. Millions of West Virginians have benefitted from his gifts and will continue to do so.

Marshall University has been particularly blessed by Byrd’s devotion. His sponsorship of an amendment to the Second Supplemental Appropriations bill in 1973 began the process of creating the School of Medicine, providing \$20 million to implement the VA Health Manpower Training Act and another \$25 million to help create the new state medical schools.

Since then, federal funding secured by Byrd created the Center for Rural Health, which serves as the base for Marshall’s rural medicine outreach programs to more than half of West Virginia’s counties. Projects under way at the center include diabetes care, smoking cessation, care for rural elders and rural cancer prevention.

The center also houses an ultra-modern

learning technology center, an auditorium and teleconferencing center, the health sciences library and administrative offices of the School of Medicine.

For that project, Byrd secured \$4.5 million in federal funding, as well as \$2.45 million for the University Physicians Center. The two centers make up the Marshall University Medical Center, which is part of the Cabell-Huntington Hospital health sciences campus.

Other facilities funded by Byrd to help the people of West Virginia include a Rural Health and Clinical Education Center in Logan County; the implementation of the Virtual Colonoscopy Program at Marshall’s School of Medicine; the launching of mobile medical units in southern West Virginia; and health-related facilities such as the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center.

The Biotechnology Science Center was funded to equip Marshall with new cutting-edge medical technologies and services. The Center for Diagnostic Nanosystems focuses on the development of new non-invasive nanotechnologies to detect and diagnose disease and illnesses at very early stages. Also funded was the Genomic Research Institute to utilize



Governor Joe Manchin congratulates Senator Byrd at the dedication of the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center. Looking on are Marshall University president Dr. Stephen Kopp and School of Medicine dean, Dr. Charles McKown.

new gene-based diagnostic tools to better predict, reduce the risks of, and identify the most responsive treatments for diseases such as Alzheimer's, autism, Parkinson's, diabetes and numerous forms of cancer.

In April 2009, Byrd joined other dignitaries in dedicating the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center, named for his beloved wife. This center is home to the Departments of Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular services, as well as being the primary teaching site for second-year medical students. Byrd, in his capacity as the senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was responsible for obtaining more than \$22 million in federal funding for the construction of the building.

The new facility has enabled the medical school to increase its class size by 50 percent, as well as expand the Diabetes Center which houses the state's only endocrinology training program. The gastroenterology section has also been expanded, allowing for the development of a specialized Digestive Diseases Center.

At the dedication, Byrd said, "We all know too well that our fellow West Virginians have tremendous needs when it comes to health care. Our state's residents consistently rank high in incidences of disease, injury, and poor health behaviors. Our mountains are majestic, but they have also been a major impediment to those needing health care. Helping West Virginians to better access and receive quality health care services has been central to my efforts throughout my public service.

"Good health is the greatest of all God's blessings. It is my hope that this new \$23 million clinical center and the facilities and programs that I have established at Marshall University over the years will provide the tools needed to make a significant difference in improving the quality of life for all West Virginians. Perhaps the elusive cure for cancer or the common cold, or other medical miracles not even conceived at this time, will be discovered right here at Marshall."



Senator Byrd and Dr. Charles McKown

SOM "Practitioner" yearbooks looking for a good home

If you are interested in a yearbook from 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002, you can stop by Room 3409 at the MU Medical Center, 1600 Medical Center Drive, and pick one up or email Linda Holmes (holmes@marshall.edu) for details and one can be sent for \$5.00 to cover postage and handling.

C Congratulations to Dr. Walker

Before retiring July 31, 2008, Dr. Bob Walker served rural West Virginians through Marshall University's medical school for 29 years. He joined the faculty in 1979 as an assistant professor of family and community health, and he became full chairman of that department in 1986. He went on to also become medical director for the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health in 1998 and the medical school's executive vice dean in 2001.

Throughout his career, beginning as founding physician of the Lincoln Primary Care Center, he has been active in improving health care for the under served and disadvantaged people of West Virginia. Under Dr. Walker's leadership his former department was recognized as the "Outstanding Rural Health Program in America," and received the "Distinguished Educator Award" of the National Rural Health Association. He has served as an advisor to Congress on rural health and has presented plans for the care of the rural elderly to joint Congressional committees. He also has authored several reports on health care delivery for the West Virginia Governor's Office and the West Virginia Legislature.



The School of Medicine Alumni Association board of directors unanimously voted to honor Dr. Robert B. Walker by naming him the 2010 honorary member of the association. He was honored publicly at the 2010 Investiture.

Dr. Walker has received numerous individual honors. In addition to being selected to Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, his recognition includes being West Virginia's first Professor of the Year, receiving the Outstanding Rural Physician Award of the West Virginia Medical Association, and receiving the Distinguished West Virginian Award from Governor Gaston Caperton.

Dr. Walker continues to serve West Virginians as vice chancellor for health sciences for the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.



The late Joan C. Edwards

Scholarship for outstanding students created by Joan C. Edwards Charitable Foundation

A new scholarship program for exceptionally qualified medical students at Marshall has been made possible through a generous gift from the Joan C. Edwards Charitable Foundation.

Scholarships will be awarded to 16 students, four of them entering medical school this fall and four from each of the classes entering in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Assuming normal academic progress, the scholarships for each of the students will be renewed to cover all four years of medical school.

The program was announced July 7 by Brian A. McDonald, executive director of the Edwards Charitable Foundation in Cleveland.

"Of all the contributions James and Joan Edwards have made to the Huntington community, none is more visionary or thoughtfully

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R Research Day showcases “dia-besity” insights

A top National Institutes of Health official shared the spotlight on March 31 with more than 70 medical research projects by students, resident physicians and faculty members during the annual Research Day of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The event was held on the ground floor of the Marshall Medical Center, followed by an award celebration and recognition of members of the school's Academy of Medical Educators.

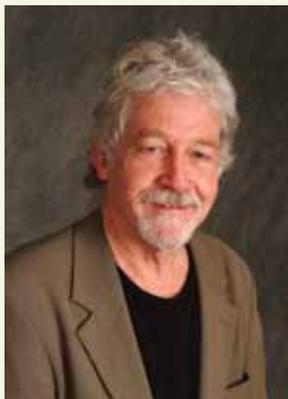
The event's guest speaker was Dr. Gregory Germino, deputy director of the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, which funds research into obesity and diabetes, among other disorders. His talk was titled, “Dia-besity: converging problems, emerging science.”

Germino is considered to be a world-renowned expert in inherited kidney disease, and his research has generated numerous high-quality antibodies, cell lines and cell culture systems, and a series of genetically altered mouse models that closely mimic human polycystic kidney disease.

Research projects presented by Marshall's biomedical sciences graduate students, medical students and medical residents ranged from case reports of unusual problems –“Look to the right,

and you may pass out” – to multiple studies involving cancer, obesity, heart disease and other health problems. Among the findings were:

- Premature infants who received breathing assistance via continuous positive airway pressure (the treatment used for adults who have sleep apnea) instead of conventional mechanical ventilation showed better growth and neurological screening scores.
- Capsaicin (the spicy ingredient in chili peppers) strongly inhibited growth of small cell lung cancer in multiple human cancer cell lines, possibly opening the door to its eventual use as a nutrition-based treatment tool for these cancers.
- Medical literature about post-traumatic stress disorder strongly suggests that multiple factors – including genetics and problems in fetal development – contribute to the disorder. Further studies might find a genetic component that would help explain why some patients cannot get relief from medications now used to treat PTSD.



Congratulations!

Dr. John B. Walden, professor and chairman, Department of Family and Community Health, has been selected by the City of Huntington Foundation, Inc. as one of this year's Wall of Fame inductees. The Wall of Fame was established in 1986 to honor outstanding members of our community and welcome guests to the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Dr. Walden's likeness and a biography will be permanently displayed at the arena. The induction is October 7.

S Shah assumes faculty affairs role at Marshall's medical school



Darshana Shah, Ph.D., has accepted expanded responsibilities at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, with the new title of associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development.

Dr. Shah, a professor and academic section chief in the Department of Pathology, previously was associate dean for professional development in medical education. She is founder and chair of Marshall's Academy of Medical Educators, and has instituted a variety of faculty development programs and series. Under her leadership, in January Marshall will host the national meeting of the Group for Research in Pathology Education.

Dr. Shah recently completed the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellowship, one of 53 senior women faculty across the United States selected for the program's 2009-2010 class. She has been an invited faculty member at the Harvard Macy Institute for Innovation in Health Care Education since 2005. She has spent two years on the program faculty for the Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and Harvard Medical School.

She joined the Marshall faculty in 1995, becoming assistant dean in 2005 and associate dean in 2009. She received her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from West Virginia University and was a postdoctoral fellow in pathology at Marshall.

Dr. Balevic receives honor at the annual student awards ceremony



Linda Holmes and Dr. Balevic

At the annual student awards ceremony on May 4, 2010, Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, presented Stephen J. Balevic the Faculty Choice Award sponsored by the School of Medicine Alumni Association. This is awarded annually to the most outstanding MSIV student as selected by the faculty. The recipient is presented a plaque and monetary award. Dr. Balevic is doing a residency in internal medicine–pediatrics at the University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. McGuffin guest speaker at 2009 White Coat Ceremony



Dr. McGuffin, SOM Class of 1999

The 14th Annual White Coat ceremony honoring the Class of 2013 was held at the Joan C. Edwards Center for the Performing Arts on August 6, with Dr. Aaron M. McGuffin as the guest speaker.

A native of Huntington, W.Va., Dr. McGuffin is a 1999 graduate of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics at Marshall and joined the faculty in 2003. As a resident, he was selected as a recipient of the Arnold P. Gold Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award by the vote of students from three different classes – 2000, 2001, 2002.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has recognized Dr. McGuffin's contribution to the lives of children, both as an advocate for them and for development of one of our most successful community service programs entitled *Let's Get Moving!* *Let's Get Moving!* gives students an opportunity to volunteer their time to work with elementary school children. Dr. McGuffin said this program could not have been created without the dedication and hard work of medical students involved. In 2002, Dr. McGuffin was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a student, resident or faculty member.

Toumas present stethoscopes to Class of 2013

Along with the white coats and book credits presented to the Class of 2013 at the White Coat Ceremony, students received Littman Cardiology II stethoscopes from Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma T. Touma, long-time donors and loyal supporters of the School of Medicine. "We are very proud and pleased to furnish the incoming class with the most important medical tool that will serve them for years to come," Joe Touma said. "It is our way to give back to the medical profession. In return, we hope



someday they will do something meaningful for the future generations. We like to say this gift is from their ears to their hearts." The Toumas began giving stethoscopes to the entering students in 2006. The first class to receive them graduated May 5, 2010.

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association gratefully extends its appreciation for the generosity of the following alumni and friends who purchased white coats and book credits for the Class of 2013. The donors and student recipients are as follows:

WHITE COATS

<u>ALUMNI & FRIENDS</u>	<u>SOM CLASS YEAR</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>
Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.	1988	Regina L. Guzzo
Paul D. Bailey, M.D.	2009	Shannon N. James
Jayne A. Barr, M.D.	1990	Supria Batra
R. Dee Bowe III, M.D.	2001	Adam M. Hackney
Jennifer A. Brammer, M.D.	2004	Katherine J. Steele
Michelle R. Burdette, M.D.	1990	J. Blake Epling
Kimberly Ann Burgess, M.D.	1992	Arifa I. Khokar
Nicole N. Cain, M.D.	2005	C. Matthew Justice
Lisa R. Carchedi, M.D.	2000	Samir M. Shah
Ignacio Cardenas, M.D.	1988	Kari R. Wilson
Samuel E. Carroll, M.D.	1997	Ashraf Ahmad
Jodi M. Cisco, M.D.	1997	Bi Mo
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Gerald A. Dague, M.D.	2000	Rebecca A. Bell
Samuel R. Davis, M.D.	1983	Marvyn A. Grayson, Jr.
C. Stephen Edwards, M.D.	1987	Rachel E. Edwards
David F. Hubbard, M.D.	1989	Brent D. Kidd
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Jeremy D. Fuller, M.D.	2003	Brittany L. Venci
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Nancy B. Graham, M.D.	1987	Megan T. Bartley
David C. Griffin, M.D.	1990	Steven C. Davis
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Edwin J. Humphrey, M.D.	1986	Stephen A. Roy
David J. Hunt, M.D.	1995	Elias H. Salloum
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*In memory of Dr. Louis R. Molina, Class of 1984



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Dr. Chuck Clements, Class of 1997, purchased Melissa A. Rowe's white coat.

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WHAT THEY'RE DOING

- 61 students matched to first-year programs in 14 specialties.
- Many students matched in highly competitive specialties.

WHERE THEY'RE GOING

- Primarily West Virginia and bordering states: 14 states total, all but 2 students staying east of the Mississippi River.
- Prominent institutions include Harvard, Baylor, University of Virginia, SUNY Stonybrook, University of Louisville.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL RESULTS

Marshall students are entering OB/GYN at more than 1.5 times the national average, medicine/pediatrics at nearly 2.5 times the national rate, and family medicine at nearly 3 times the national rate.

MATCH DAY SNAPSHOT

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Huntington, West Virginia

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Family Medicine at University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

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Charleston, South Carolina

Amul Ashok Bhalodi

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Medical College at Westchester Medical Center
Valhalla, New York

Michael Colin Binder

Internal Medicine at University Hospital in Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Family Medicine at Marshall University
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Orthopaedic Surgery at Stony Brook Teaching Hospital
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Family Medicine at Marshall University
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Obstetrics-Gynecology at Marshall University
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Internal Medicine at Marshall University
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Ali Reza Imani

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and Class Vice President Dr. Sarah
Flaherty are excited about
their residency matches.



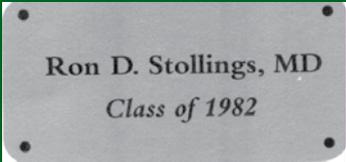
Take a Seat Campaign

Thanks to many of our donors who have given \$1,000 to endow the "Take a Seat Campaign," the School of Medicine's Educational Technology Fund. David N. Bailey, assistant dean, Continuing Medical Education, will utilize the funds from the endowment to integrate the continuing medical education conference rooms with the Harless Auditorium audio visual capabilities via WiFi which is now available through the intra-network. All audiovisual equipment selected will include the Bluetooth option which is required for wireless access to the in house network. The future plan includes a new lighting system upgrade to provide a "lights up" classroom setting.

There are still seats available and we ask you to join others from the Marshall "family" in taking a seat in the Harless Auditorium. When you make your pledge, the school will inscribe a brass plaque to be placed on the back of a seat. It's a great way to recognize a graduate, remember or honor a loved one, and show your support for the School of Medicine.

Your generous gift will enable the School of Medicine to maintain and enhance its cutting-edge technological support for health sciences education.

Remember, your gift of \$1,000 may be paid over as many as three years and is tax deductible. For more information on the "Take a Seat Campaign," please call 304/691-1711 or toll-free at 877/691-1600.



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Dr. Denning supporting the “Take A Seat” campaign

Dr. David A. Denning continues to support the Take A Seat Campaign by purchasing two more seats in the Harless Auditorium. With these two seats, he has generously purchased a total of five seats in the auditorium.

To memorialize and honor two of his former faculty members of the Department of Surgery, Dr. Denning’s recent gifts to the campaign are in memory of Dr. Louis R. Molina and in honor of Dr. William M. Cocke. Dr. Molina, a graduate of the School of Medicine’s Class of 1983, served as the chief of Urology from July 2005 until his untimely death on July 16, 2009. Dr. Cocke served as the chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery from July 1992 until October 2003. Denning’s previous seats were purchased in memory of Carlton B. Denning, his father; Dr. M. Homer Cummings, Jr., his father-in-law and member of the Department of Surgery from February 1992 through July 2001; and one to commemorate Dr. Denning’s service as chair of the department.

“I believe the best way to pay my respects and honor my colleagues is to engrave their names on

their respective seats in the Harless Auditorium so they are remembered forever in the place where they tirelessly worked to improve the lives of their patients and educate physicians,” Denning said. “This also allows me to financially support the School of Medicine at the same time, which is very important to me.”

Dr. Denning has been professor and chair of the Department of Surgery since February 1, 1993. He is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Medicine and did his residency at The Ohio State University.

The Take A Seat Campaign began in 1998 to generate funds to enhance medical education and provide upgrades to the technology in the Harless Auditorium. With the generosity of Dr. Denning and many others, 93 of the 210 seats have been purchased to honor or memorialize individuals.



(Joan C. Edwards Scholarship continued from page 13)

constructed than this scholarship program, which will guarantee improved and sustaining good health to our region in the decades to come,” said Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., vice president for health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine. “The students selected for this scholarship have outstanding credentials that ensure they have their choice of medical schools. Providing a scholarship program to bring these supremely qualified medical students to Marshall may be the greatest gift Joan Edwards has given.”

Students selected to receive the first scholarships are: Rebecca Hayes of Huntington, Joshua Hendrix of Bluefield, Sammy Hodroge

of Charleston, and Katherine Rector of Morgantown.

By the time the fourth class of scholars graduates in 2017, the trust will have provided more than \$1.15 million in scholarships to Marshall medical students.

The late Mrs. Edwards has been a major benefactor to Marshall University and the School of Medicine, which was named in her honor in 2000.

The Joan C. Edwards Charitable Foundation is a private foundation located in Cleveland, Ohio, dedicated to the support of local medical education systems in communities exhibiting a critical shortage of health professionals.

Thirteenth annual golf classic

Winning the 13th Annual Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine golf classic with a score of 58 was Team Cremeans. The proceeds from the annual classic, sponsored by the Alumni and Development Office, benefited the Class of 2010's graduation activities. It was a great event!



(L to R) Beth "Buffy" Hammers, COO, University Physicians and Surgeons; Brent S. Shirkey; Aaron M. Ferguson; Dana J. Godfrey; and Linda S. Holmes, director, development and alumni affairs. Not pictured is Dr. Gary D. Cremeans, Class of 1996.



Our winners: (L to R) Brent S. Shirkey, Dana J. Godfrey, Dr. Gary D. Cremeans, Class of 1996, and Aaron M. Ferguson.



"Best of the Worst" accepting their awards: (L to R) Dr. Sarah Flaherty, Laura Mullins, and Dr. Katie Osley. Not pictured is Dr. Elizabeth Duke.



Dr. Andrea M. Lauffer and her father, Dan, win the "big pot" in our 50/50 raffle.



Dr. Tina H. Sias, Class of 1992 and a professor with University Cardiovascular Services, won the closest to the pin contest. Great job, Tina!



Dr. James T.J. "Jeff" Mullins, president, Class of 2010, high-fives Chris Carnell of Culbert Health Care Solutions for winning the inaugural putting contest.

Homecoming 2009 LA FIESTA WEEKEND

In 2009 the School of Medicine celebrated another 25-year reunion – the Class of 1984 – during the 23rd Homecoming Weekend, September 18 – 19. Also celebrating milestone reunions were the classes of 1989 (20-year reunion), 1994 (15-year reunion), 1999 (10-year reunion) and 2004 (5-year reunion).

Friday's events included a reunion class luncheon, continuing medical education sessions, a banquet honoring the members of the Class of 1984, and remarks from our special guest Dr. Patrick I. Brown, retired professor of anatomy and associate dean for student affairs (a perennial favorite!). A reception followed. On Saturday, graduates and their families joined the Alumni Association for brunch, then toured the clinical skills lab in the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center, where they saw a demonstration of "Harvey," the cardiac simulation model, by Dr. Charles C. McCormick, Class of 1985 and director of clinical skills. The day was capped off with a tailgate party with all the trappings, including music by DJ Kevin Simmons, great food, plenty of beverages and good fellowship. This was followed by the MU vs. Bowling Green football game. It was a wonderful weekend!

The Class of 1984 celebrated its 25-year reunion



James "Jim" W. Banks III



Timothy "Tim" D. Canterbury



Robert "Bob" A. Hess



Kathleen E. Lucas



Thomas "Tom" B. Maloney



Bobby A. Miller



Evelyn R. Rector-Banks



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Susan A. Terry



Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Whightsel



Christopher "Chris" J. Whitten



Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker

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The Class of 1984 celebrating its 25-year reunion: Front row (L to R) Drs. Donna S. Wolokdin-Whitaker, Susan A. Terry, Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Whightsel, Kathleen E. Lucas, Evelyn R. Rector-Banks; Back row (L to R) Drs. Timothy "Tim" D. Canterbury, Thomas "Tom" B. Maloney, Christopher "Chris" J. Whitten, James "Jim" W. Banks III, Bobby A. Miller, Daniel "Dan" D. Sumrock, Robert "Bob" A. Hess.



The Class of 2004 celebrating its 5-year reunion: Front row (L to R) Drs. Scott E. Moore, Nizar D. Nouredine, Stephen M. Jones, Class President; Back row (L to R) Drs. Melissa D. Fox, April E. Kilgore and Amanda D. Workman.



Class of 1999 celebrating its 10-year reunion: Front row (L to R) Drs. Vimal "Raj" K. Narula, Donna M. Bolden, Aaron M. McGuffin, Nancy B. Norton, Frank E. Fumich, and Steven "Steve" S. Brumfield. Back row (L to R) Drs. John E. Cornell, Michael "Mike" J. White, J. Travis Hansbarger, Adam M. Franks, and Mark S. Talbert.



15-year reunion members of the Class of 1994: Drs. Timothy "Tim" G. Cook, Paula K. Larsen and Charles "Chuck" R. Mitchell.

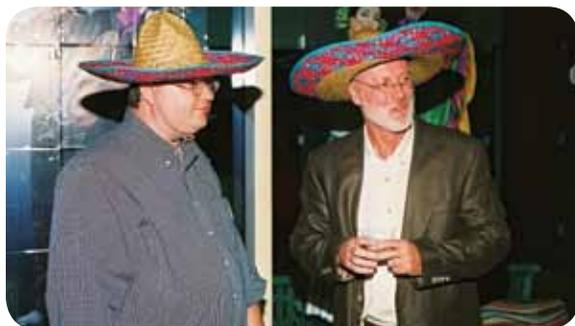
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Is this the SOM's "Tempting Temptations?" No, but it is the members of the Class of 1994 enjoying their 15-year reunion. (L to R) Drs. John H. Johnson, Timothy "Tim" G. Cook, E. Allen Mullins, Charles "Chuck" R. Mitchell and E. Fritz Braunlich.



Wouldn't you know that Vimal "Raj" K. Narula, Class of 1999, is always where the girls are!



Señor, these are two scary hombres: Drs. Michael "Mike" J. White and J. Travis Hansbarger, both Class of 1999.



Dr. Pat Brown holds court with his former students, Drs. Melissa D. Fox, Class of 2004, and Amy D. Lochow, Class of 2000.



Members of the class of 1984 looking at yearbooks - they haven't changed at all!



Can it really be 25 years since you were a student? Dr. Pat Brown asks Dr. Susan A. Terry, Class of 1984.

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Laura Canterbury, wife of Dr. Tim Canterbury, Class of 1984, helps Dr. Evelyn Rector-Banks, Class of 1984, showcase her '84 jersey.



Dr. Dwight C. Groves, Class of 1981, and Timothy G. Cook, Class of 1994, comparing class notes at the homecoming banquet.



Clearly having a good time are: (L to R) Bill Whitaker, Cheryl Whightsel, Drs. Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, Jeffrey "Jeff" W. Whightsel and James "Jim" W. Banks III, from the Class of 1984.



At the Friday night banquet enjoying the evening are Drs. Robert "Bob" A. Hess, Bobby A. Miller, both Class of 1984, and Dr. Miller's wife, Becky.



Charles G. McCormick, Class of 1985 and director of clinical skills, does show and tell with "Harvey" for the Class of 1984.

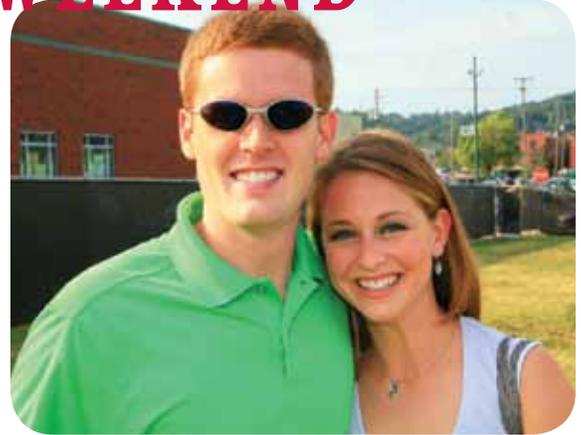


Drs. Mark F. Sheridan, Class of 1987 and former SOM Alumni Association president, greets retired cardiovascular surgeon Dr. J. D. Harrah at the tailgate party. Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Hess, Class of 1984, joins them.

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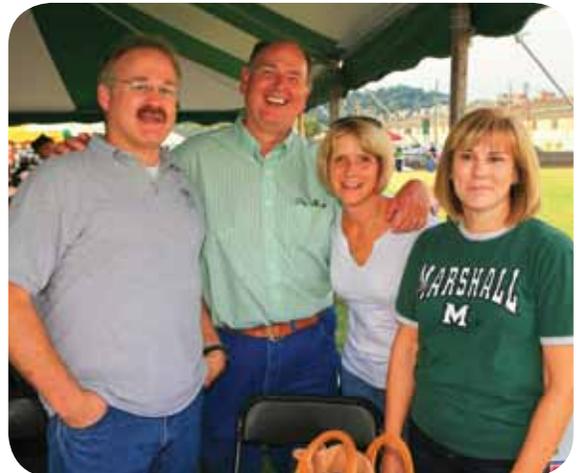
The Class of 1984 is well represented by four graduates: (L to R) Drs. James "Jim" W. Banks III, Evelyn Rector-Banks, Susan A. Terry and Thomas "Tom" B. Maloney.



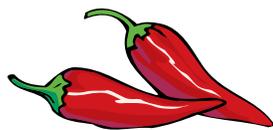
Is that William "Billy" D. Terrell, Class of 2009, behind those Foster Grants?



Dr. Kathleen E. Lucas, Class of 1984, where did you get those muscles?????



(L to R) Two of our fabulous surgeons, Drs. Timothy "Tim" D. Canterbury, Class of 1984, and David A. Denning, chair of the Department of Surgery, with their wives, Sharon and Laura.



Dr. Pat Brown showing some lovin' to Dr. Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, Class of 1984.



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Dr. Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker and husband, Bill, "glammin" for the camera at the tailgate party.



Celebrating their 25-year reunion are Drs. Philip "Phil" N. Zambos, Evelyn R. Rector-Banks and James "Jim" W. Banks



Dr. Mark S. Talbert, SOM Class of 1999, with his son, Lucas Talbert, and wife, Dr. Ana Restrepo, enjoying the tailgate prior to the MU vs. Bowling Green football game.



Dr. Pat Brown "catching up" with Monica, Mary and Dr. R. Mark Hatfield, Class of 1983.



Dr. Devin S. Edwards, Class of 2004, and daughter enjoying the tailgate party.



Dr. Indira Gautam begins an endowed scholarship in honor of her parents

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Indira Gautam has created an endowment in honor of her parents, Dr. Surendra Nath and Mrs. Shashi Dwivedi. This scholarship, and her continued support of the Class of 1999 Scholarship, demonstrates her commitment to giving back, both professionally and financially.

Indira has lived in the United States since she was nine. “My father was a farmer’s son growing up in India and lived on one meal a day,” she said. “He was the first person in his family to go to high school, and would go on to college to earn a doctorate. He moved his family here and is now a professor in mechanical engineering at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. He and my mother raised three girls – my middle sister has her master’s in business administration and my youngest sister is a private practice physician in Clarksburg, W.Va.

“My mom and dad made me who I am. Endowing a scholarship in their name and in honor of teachers like my dad is my way of giving back. If I had \$1 million to give, it would not be enough.”

Indira knew from an early age she wanted to change the world with medicine. She began her quest with an undergraduate degree from West Virginia University where her father was a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering. After earning her degree in biology, sociology and anthropology, she came to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, where she received her degree in medicine in 1999, with eventual specialization in family medicine.

Indira is now a physician with the Department of Health and Human Services at the Chitimacha Health Clinic in Charenton, La. As she started her practice, reality set in. “I am humble enough to know now that I cannot change the world, but I can change the life of an individual. I am fond of the quote, ‘To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.’”



Dr. Indira Gautam, Class of 1999

Getting to know her patients and providing top-notch medical care is important to Indira. “I tell my patients, ‘If you are looking for God, I am not it. I practice medicine; you need to keep communicating with me so we can

work this (illness) out.’”

Indira has been nationally recognized by the Department of Health and Human Services annually since 2006 for the quality of care provided at the Chitimacha Health Clinic. She was the recipient of the Directors Award for Excellence in 2007. Indira was recently invited to Mystic Lake, Minn., to speak at the National Tribal Best Practice Conference to teach other health care providers the best strategies for up-to-date comprehensive care. “I try to empower my patient,” Indira said. “It is a privilege to do what I do. Marshall’s School of Medicine made this possible. I go home every day and tell my children how much I love what I do.

“When I graduated from medical school, I sent thank you cards along with my announcements to my high school and college teachers to recognize their part in my success. I hope I will be able to pay it forward. I realize what a privilege it is to be in this country.”

Indira’s husband, Dr. Chakshu Gautam, is in family medicine/emergency medicine in Lafayette, La. They have two children, Jai, age 7, and Dev, age 6.

On behalf of the entire Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine family, I want to personally thank each of you for your generosity and support of our mission of educating future physicians. I am truly grateful you have chosen to include the School of Medicine in your personal philanthropy and hope you will continue to do so in the future. The following donors made gifts from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009.

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Robert T. Gallaher, MD
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Mary Beth Butcher, MD
Karen N. Dansby, MD
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Ronald DeAndrade, Jr., MD
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Class of 1982
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Rose A. Goodwin, MD
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Name	Class Year
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Marsha S. Anderson, MD	1988
Joseph P. Assaley, MD	1988
Gerald G. Blackwell, MD	1983
Patrick C. Bonasso, MD	1981
John G. Boswell, MD	1982
Dennis M. Burton, MD	1981
Karen Clark Gerbo, MD	1989
Cheryl L. Cook, MD	1985
Carol H. Cooper, MD	1989
Karen N. Dansby, MD	1983
Samuel R. Davis, MD	1983
James W. Endicott, MD	1983
Carol A. Foster, MD	1985
W. Douglas Given, MD	1983
Rose A. Goodwin, MD	1982
Mary M. Griffith, MD	1989
Wayne E. Groux, MD	1983
Jerry M. Hahn, MD	1986
Sue E. Hanks, MD	1986
R. Mark Hatfield, MD	1983
Leslie N. Heddleston, MD	1981
Karen J. Heyd, MD	1985
Pierre Istfan, MD	1985
Sandra J. Joseph, MD	1981
Jack L. Kinder, Jr., MD	1991
J. Douglas Kirk, MD	1988
David C. Kowalski, MD	1987
Carol M. Spencer-Lemay, MD	1983
Kenneth F. McNeil, MD	1986
Louis R. Molina, MD ‡	1984
James H. Morgan, MD	1988
Kathy M. O'Hanlon, MD	1986
Gretchen E. Oley, MD	1982
C. Douglas Phillips, MD	1984
Trudi L. Rash, MD	1989
David S. Ratliff, MD	1986
Evelyn Rector-Banks, MD	1984
Ezra B. Riber, MD	1984
Hobart K. Richey, MD	1983
William S. Sheils, Jr., MD	1983
Mark F. Sheridan, MD	1987
Lee B. Smith, MD, JD	1982
Nina K. Smith, MD	1981
Stephen C. Smith, MD	1981
James F. Spears, MD	1987
Ron D. Stollings, MD	1982
Katherine M. Stone, MD	1982
Mark A. Studeny, MD	1986
Thomas B. Styer, MD	1982
Melody A. Swavely, MD	1988
Jeffrey N. Thaxton, MD	1992
Larry W. Watson, MD	1986
Samuel D. Wellman, MD	1983
Curtis A. Winter, MD	1982
Jimmy V. Wolfe, MD	1984
Kevin W. Yingling, MD	1985
Elaine M. Young, MD	1986
Sandra L. Zahradka, MD	1989
W. Matthew Zban, MD	1989

Name	Class Year
Clark D. Adkins, MD	1989
LouGene Bartram, MD	1983
Michael E. Beane, MD	1996
Jeffrey B. Betts, MD	1991
*R. Daniel Bledsoe, MD	2001
Kimberly A. Burgess, MD	1992
Samuel E. Carroll, MD	1997
P. Mitchell Charles, MD	1988
Amy L. Conley, MD	1998
Pamela A. Cyrus, MD	1989
Jennifer B. Day, MD	1991
Paul R. Durst, MD	1984
C. Stephen Edwards, MD	1987
Joseph E. Evans, MD	1982
J. Patrick Fouts, MD	1998
Frank E. Fumich, MD	1999
*Jeffry T. Gee, MD	1996
Bijan J. Goodarzi, MD	1983
Robert B. Gray, MD	1999
*Jennifer L. Bennett Grube, MD	1996
Darlene Y. Gruetter, MD	1987
Crystal L. Gue, MD	1990
Garrie J. Haas, MD	1983
Lee C. Haikal, MD	1994
William H. Haney, MD	1986
*Glenn A. Harper, MD	1995
Robert A. Hess, MD	1986
Eric S. Hopkins, MD	1998
F. Scott Hunter, MD	1981
Eric W. Janssen, MD	1990
John W. Kessel, MD	1990
Joanne M. Lebow, MD	1990
Dawn L. MacFarland, MD	1996
James C. McCabe, MD	1988
Reginald J. McClung, MD	1983
Scott E. Miller, MD	1986
Manuel E. Molina, MD	1987
Gabrielle F. Morris, MD	1990
Stephen F. Morris, MD	1981
Kimberly A. Oxley, MD	1994
Robert C. Pennington, MD	1990
Steven Pribanich III, MD	1991
Daniel B. Ray, MD	1983
Charlotte A. Rhee, MD	1991
Bradley J. Richardson, MD	1993
Valerie L. Richey-Klein, MD	1989
Monica L. Richey-Walker, MD	1986
Rhonda Scites Ross, MD	1994
Daniel W. Russell, MD	1990
Kevin S. Smith, MD	1986
Anna M. Suray, MD	1991
Timothy B. Tabor, MD	1992
John F. Toney, MD	1981
Jack M. Trainor, MD	1996
Donald H. Trainor, Jr., MD	1986
Carrie A. Twedt, MD	1996
*Ted B. Vance, MD	1985
Paulette S. Wehner, MD	1989
William A. Welton III, MD	1991
Jeffrey W. Whightsel, MD	1984
William N. White II, MD	1989

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 Donnah S. Wolodkin-Whitaker, MD 1984
 Joanne R. Wunderlich, MD 1993
 Phillip N. Zambos, MD 1984

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Annual Members

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 Jerome B. Aya-ay, MD 2004
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 Ryan R. Cicenias, MD 2000
 Jodi M. Cisco, MD 1997
 Kevin J. Conaway, MD 1991
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 Nimish K. Mehta, MD 1997
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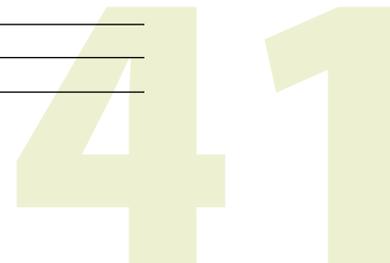
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S Spotlight on Dr. Gregory Hale

Dr. Hale, SOM Class of 1990, receives Distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding national achievements

The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Gregory Hale of Gulfport, Fla., at the 73rd Annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet held on April 24, 2010, in the Memorial Student Center. This award is given to Marshall alumni for outstanding national achievements in their particular fields of endeavor.

Hale attended Buffalo High School in Wayne County, graduating as a National Merit Scholar in 1983. He attended Marshall as a John Marshall Scholar and received an undergraduate degree in chemistry in 1986, completing requirements in three years and graduating with a 4.0 academic average. He then attended Marshall's School of Medicine from 1986 to 1990, graduating first in his class. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and received the Thomas G. Folsom Award, the Upjohn Achievement Award and the Bertha and Lake Polan Award.

He completed his internship and residency in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, followed by a fellowship in hematology-oncology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. He received the American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Fellowship Award. He is currently board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology Oncology.

After serving as assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics and the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at the University of Kentucky and the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington, Hale returned to St. Jude in 1999 as assistant member in the Department of Hematology-Oncology, the Bone Marrow Transplant Service and the Transplantation and Gene Therapy Program. In 2001 he became clinical director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Service, one of the largest pediatric transplant programs in the world, averaging 180 transplants annually. In 2003 he was promoted to associate member of the Division of Bone Marrow Transplantation; he later was named an associate member in the Hematological Malignancies and Developmental Therapeutics for Solid Malignancies Programs. Hale directed the Transplant Fellowship program and was quality management officer for the Division of Bone Marrow Transplantation. He received the 2007 Outstanding Physician Award at St. Jude and has twice been named one of America's Top Oncologists by the Consumer Research Council of America. In 2008 he joined All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., as medical director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/



BMT. All Children's Hospital is the largest pediatric hematology/oncology/BMT program in the state of Florida. He is currently a clinical associate professor of Pediatrics at the University of South Florida. In 2010, he was named one of the Best Doctors in America in pediatric hematology oncology.

Hale is a member of the Children's Oncology Group and serves on its Stem Cell Transplant Discipline Committee. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, World Marrow Donor Association, American Association of Blood Banks, and other professional transplant and immunology organizations and serves on the National Accreditation Committee and Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapies (FACT), which oversees the quality of transplant programs worldwide. Hale recently completed a term as president of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Council, which coordinates unrelated donor bone marrow transplantation, and serves on 13 working committees of the Center for International Bone Marrow Transplantation Registry (CIBMTR). In Florida, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Suncoast Chapter of the Make a Wish Foundation and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Northern Pinellas, Pasco and Hernando Counties.

An author of more than 110 peer-reviewed papers, 80 abstracts, and three book chapters, Hale has been principal investigator for 35 studies and a co-investigator on 22 others, including Phase I trials. The American Cancer Society and the V Foundation have funded his research. In 2007 he received the Best Abstracts Award for Clinical Research from the American Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation for his trials describing the long-term clinical and immunologic sequelae in transplant recipients who received EBV-cytotoxic T-cells. He serves on five editorial boards and as a reviewer for 18 medical journals. He is certified by the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) as a Clinical Trials Investigator. His research interests include novel methods of graft manipulation for patients undergoing transplantation from mismatched family members and for immunotherapy in autologous transplant recipients; regimen-related toxicities of stem cell transplantation; and nutrition in cancer patients.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CLASS NOTES

1980s



Dwight C. Groves, Class of 1981, is working in an eight physician practice in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, with two offices in Norfolk and one in Chesapeake. “I remain busy both performing and teaching laparoscopic surgery. Emily and I have four grandchildren ages 11, 9, 8 and 7. Our oldest son Cecil is getting married in a few weeks. There is a new boat at our dock. It is a '03 Nordic Tug, *The Auntie Em*, that we enjoy cruising on the Chesapeake Bay and the Intracoastal Waterways. We are also very proud of our nieces, Kristen McClung, a third year student at the Marshall School of Medicine, and Kelley Groves, who has just begun the application process.”



Ron D. Stollings, Class of 1982, was re-elected as the Democratic senator from Boone County, District 7, in the West Virginia Legislature. In June he was invited to speak about community partnerships with research centers dealing with “CVD Prevention in High-Risk Rural Areas” at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. The two-day summit ultimately will make recommendations about funding future studies to impact cardiovascular disease.

Jimmy V. Wolfe, Class of 1984, is practicing in the Department of Neurology at the University of Mississippi.

Simon K. Chang, Class of 1985, has been the Obstetrics/Gynecology Department chairman for Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, in Honolulu, Hawaii, since 2006 and an assistant clinical professor at the John Burns School of Medicine, at the University of Hawaii. He still maintains a private practice.

Carol A. Foster, Class of 1985, and her daughters, Jennifer (17) and Melissa (15), have come home to West Virginia. Jen will start her final year of high school while preparing to go off to college for a career in bioethics, and Mel is starting her sophomore year,

returning to her state champion volleyball team at Charleston Catholic. Carol will continue her work in headache medicine at the Charleston Area Medical Center.

Helen R. Thornton, Class of 1985, of Allison Park, Pa., belongs to a practice that was purchased by the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and is enjoying the challenge of implementing their electronic medical records. “I’ve also been getting better at playing the harp,” Helen said. “I can even play in public if I can pretend no one is paying attention to me!”

William R. Brooks Jr., Class of 1986, has taken a part-time job opening a new practice in the small farming town of Hemlock, Mich. “It has been great fun to ‘start over’ again, in a manner of speaking,” Bill said, “especially at 2-1/2 days a week. Clara still is farming with my help and selling at the Farmer’s Market in Flint, Mich.”



M. Catherine Slusher, Class of 1988, has been in practice with Harrisonburg OB/GYN Associates for 16 years and became the senior partner this summer. She

is honorary faculty for James Madison University Physician’s Assistant Program; board member for the March of Dimes and chairperson of its Signature Chefs Dinner. Catherine is also a swim team coach for the Spotswood Dolphins. She is married to Don Flegel, forester and soil scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. They have three children: Drew, 22; Julie, 16; and Macie, 9.



Gary Stoner, Class of 1989, works part time as an Ob/Gyn associate at Geisinger Health Systems, Danville, Pa. When he isn’t practicing medicine, he is catching a country music tune with his band, The Midlife Cowboys. They play old time country music such as Johnny Cash and Jim Reeves. You can strum up their schedule singing in St. Lucia.

at www.midlifecowboysband.com. Gary claims international fame having played in Scotland, England, France, Italy and St. Lucia, West Indies. His band goes to St. Lucia every January to raise money for local charities.

1990s

Jayne A. Barr, Class of 1990, of Circleville, Ohio, closed her private practice in 2008 to take an assistant clinical professor position as an internal medicine and pediatrics hospitalist with The Ohio State University Medical Center and Nationwide Childrens Hospital. Jayne is involved in teaching and quality improvement research. Her clinical presentation was accepted at the upcoming National Conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She enjoys golfing and attending plays and festivals.



Debra Stoner is on the right with a volunteer from Sweden, Dr. Lisbeth Skov, and the healthcare workers, Rupa, Benika and Lila.

Debra I. Mills Stoner, Class of 1990, works part time as an associate in emergency medicine at Geisinger Health Systems, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Her true passion is working on international and wilderness medicine projects. She is

the medical advisor for a non-profit Nepal NGO called Himanchal Education Foundation (www.himanchal.org). One of the group's projects is to build remote health clinics in western Nepal, train health care workers and connect them to hospitals in Kathmandu via a TeleMedicine project. Debra is an associate editor for the Wilderness Medical Society's magazine and the lead editor for the WMS Community Education Lecture Series.

Kevin J. Conaway, Class of 1991, is an associate professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He completed the APGO Academic Scholars and Leaders Program in March. This is a 15-month comprehensive educational program designed to help Ob/Gyn professors teach women's health more effectively. Graduation was held at the annual meeting of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics where he presented his poster describing his project. Kevin resides in Hurricane, W.Va., with his wife, Cathy, and sons Jimmy and Jeffrey.

Anthony "Tony" M. Grieco, Class of 1991, left the clinical practice of OB/GYN in August 2010 and

is the medical director at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. "I plan on earning a executive masters of business administration (EMBA) at Southeastern Louisiana University." He and his wife, Debbie, have four children, Seth, Aaron, Victoria and Karenna.

Joan B. Lehmann, Class of 1991, of Pasadena, Md., published an inspirational and historical novel, *Heaven Below*. "In it, I have preserved a little of Baltimore's history and spotlighted my family's small home town of Shady Side. It is my first big effort toward my second career, writing. Partial proceeds from the book will go to a local museum and my hospital's auxiliary." Joan practices emergency medicine at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Maryland. Her web site is www.JoanLehmannMD.com.

Kimberly A. Burgess, Class of 1992, practices part time at Jackson General Hospital in Ripley, W.Va., giving her an opportunity to travel. Her latest Locum Tenens adventure was to Sidney, Mont., known as Montana's Sunrise City. She is waiting to learn the results of the Army Medical Department Reserve Colonel promotion board and hopes to make "full-bird" this fall. September will make 26 years of service. Kimberly is also busy helping her parents train a Labrador retriever pup, tending her garden, and doing some long overdue house projects.



Alice C. Thornton, Class of 1992, has been in Lexington at the University of Kentucky since July 1998. She is a tenured associate professor of medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases Division. She is also project director of the Bluegrass Care Clinic project, which is a grant-funded project that serves HIV individuals. The clinic has received four steady streams of funding from HRSA for which Alice is the principal investigator: Ryan White Part B, Ryan White Part C, Ryan White Part D and Kentucky AIDS Educational Center. Alice and her husband, BW Thornton, a teacher at Royal Spring Middle School in Georgetown, Ky., have three sons: Matthew, 15; Zachary, 13; and Benjamin, 13, as well as two dogs, three cats and a turtle.



Shane A. Bowen, Class of 1993, was recalled to active duty with the Navy in May and is in Kandahar, Afghanistan, running one of five trauma

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teams at the NATO Role 3 Hospital. He will be there at least until the first of the year. Shane will return to his practice at the Emergency Room at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington.

Linda G. Brown, Class of 1993, associate professor of pathology at the School of Medicine, will serve as interim chair of the Department of Pathology during the absence of Dr. David L. Porter, who has been called to active military duty. Linda was president of the SOM Alumni Association from 2000 to 2001.

Youssef Y. Yassa, Class of 1994, is in a private practice anesthesia group covering St. Johns Medical Center in Springfield, Mo. He and his wife, Yonga, have two sons, 18 and 16 years old, the oldest to start college this fall.



Erich R. Heinz, Class of 1995, is on staff at the Puget Sound Family Medicine Residency located at Naval Hospital Bremerton, Wash. He and his wife, Laura, have been married 18 years and have eight children, with number nine due in October.

John "JC" Echols, Class of 1996, is chairman of psychiatry at Contra Costa Health Services. He is also department chief of consultation psychiatry at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, UC Davis, and affiliate associate professor of psychiatry at Touro University Medical Center in Martinez, Calif.



Jeffrey T. Gee, Class of 1996, of Tazewell, Va., is medical director and psychiatrist at the Behavioral Health Pavilion of the Virginias, owned and operated by Princeton Community Hospital.



Chuck and his son make it to the top of Mount Aconcagua.

Charles W. "Chuck" Clements, Class of 1997, is director of the Wilderness Medicine section of Marshall University Family Medicine and current member of the School of Medicine Alumni Association. Over the Christmas

holidays, he and his son Wes, who will be entering Marshall's medical school in 2011, climbed Mount Aconcagua in Argentina, the tallest mountain outside of Asia. Their trip was to study the physical and mental challenges of extreme altitude and below-zero temperatures. In May Chuck took two family medicine residents on an extended trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon to study the essentials of health and medical issues. He taught a two-week wilderness medicine elective to 23 second-year students this past June. The course included training in wilderness triage, treatment of wounds and fractures, environmental injuries, and putting injured persons on back boards. It ended with a trip to Lake Vesuvius State Park, where they negotiated a map reading course and went rappelling on a 40-foot cliff. This past July, he accompanied a group of Marshall medical and nursing students to Honduras as part of Global Medical Brigades, an international health program.

Chuck is now recognized as one of the state's experts on wilderness medicine, and is a reviewer and contributor to the Fifth Edition of the National Ski Patrol's *Outdoor Emergency Care* manual.



Michael J. White, Class of 1999, and his wife, Karin, are still making a difference in Haiti. In 2007 Mike visited Bercy, Haiti, to treat children at

Cabaret Baptist Children's Home and hold a medical clinic. Karin, a teacher, helped with teacher training and with the pharmacy. The Whites returned to Haiti in February 2010, following the devastating earthquake, taking much-needed supplies. To follow their experiences, visit Karin's blog at www.karinwhite.blogspot.com. When not helping out in Haiti, Mike is a physician in family practice and wound care in Newberry, S.C., and Karin is a teacher. The Whites have two girls, Lauren, 7, and Leanna, 10. Mike and Karin adopted a son, Clifford, a 4-year old Haitian with hip dysplasia whose mother put him up for adoption so he could have the necessary surgery and care.

2000s

Lisa R. Carchedi, Class of 2000, has been working at the University of Texas/Southwestern-Austin at Seton Shoal Creek Hospital since getting out of the military in January 2009. She served for 8½ years in the Army. Lisa is an assistant professor of psychiatry

with both UT Southwestern and UTMB medical schools and is the clerkship director for the UTMB/Austin psychiatry medical students. Working as an attending inpatient psychiatrist, she directly supervises at least three residents per month. In June 2010 the residents awarded her, after a nearly unanimous vote, the “General Psychiatry Attending of the Year” for excellence in teaching and supervision. In her off time, she enjoys taking photos, doing yoga and spending time with her husband, Charles, and their two cats. They also have a thriving chicken farm!

Melissa Bays Porter, Class of 2000, who specializes in pediatric critical care, is an assistant professor at the University of Louisville. She and her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of their son, Gabriel Alexander, in January 2010.

Ray M. Van Metre, Class of 2000, is in private practice in Lexington, Ky., with Kentucky Ear Nose & Throat - Head and Neck Surgeons. He and his wife, Kelly, just celebrated the birth of a son, Spencer Bennett, on March 11. Their daughter, Lydia Rose, is 4 years old.

R. Daniel Bledsoe, Class of 2001, is director of pre-hospital care and disaster medicine at York Hospital in Pennsylvania. His presentation during WellSpan Health’s fourth annual emergency medical services day was well received and covered by the media. A total of 20 individuals – York Hospital medical residents of all levels and six medical school students from other institutions – participated in advanced life support skills, performing many of the tasks of EMTs. He and his wife, Allison, have a son, Nolan Hawkins, born March 19, 2010.



Matthew P. and Lorrie A. Downs, both Class of 2001, are pediatricians with Arbor Medical Associates in Elkins,

W.Va. They are both serving as preceptors for medical students. Matthew feels this is a way to continue teaching while being in the rural setting, which they enjoy tremendously. Lorrie says it is important to give back. “There were a lot of physicians along the way who helped train me and Matt, so I like to return the favor,” Lorrie said. “It is important for students to get a glimpse of what pediatrics and medicine, in general, are like outside of a university setting. Not everyone is made to be a university physician, so it’s important to be exposed to the rural and private practices.” The

couple has two children, Anna and Josh.

Nathan M. Jesse, Class of 2001, and his wife, Melissa, moved to Charlotte, N.C., three years ago after finishing his residency and fellowship in Gainesville, Fla. He is a neonatologist at Presbyterian Hospital. They have a daughter, Violet. “I realize more than ever how little my job prepared me for the trials (and joys) of fatherhood,” Nate said. He received the Henry Kokomoor award for pediatric research and the Douglas J. Barrett Fellowship Award during his fellowship at the University of Florida.

Rodeen Rahbar, Class of 2001, of Alexandria, Va., practices vascular surgery and serves as an assistant professor at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Christopher S. Goode, Class of 2002, was appointed vice chair for business operations at WVU’s Department of Emergency Medicine, which operates/manages four Emergency Departments and one Urgent Care throughout north central and the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. In August he took over as president of the West Virginia Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He is also medical director of the Emergency Department at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg, and at WVU. Christopher lives in Bridgeport with his wife, Kristi, and their boys Colby, 6; and Kaden, 3.

Amy M. Jean, Class of 2002, moved back to West Virginia from New York City. In January she opened a new pediatric endocrine practice in Wheeling, under Wheeling Hospital’s Center for Pediatrics. Amy and her husband, Andy, have two boys, Aaron, 2; and Asher, 9 months. Andy is busy with being a stay-at-home dad and continued finance project work.



Staci K. Stalcup, Class of 2002, and her husband, Clay, are practicing at University Family Physicians in Seymour, Tenn., a satellite clinic for the University of Tennessee. They completed their residencies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, where they served together as chief residents. Staci

works full time at the clinic and serves as the medical director for University of Tennessee Home Health in Sevier County. They have 4-year-old twins, son Seth and daughter Aiden, and are currently in the process of adopting a child from China.

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W. Hunter Boshell, Class of 2003, recently returned to Huntington and is working at King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland, Ky., as an interventional radiologist. Hunter was the president of the Class of 2003.

Matthew L. Bush, Class of 2003, is in his last year of a Neurotology and Cranial Base Surgery Fellowship at The Ohio State University Eye and Ear Institute. He was awarded a grant this past year entitled "The American Hearing Research Foundation Wiley H. Harrison Memorial Grant" for \$25,000 for research entitled, "In vitro and in vivo response to HDAC inhibitors by vestibular schwannomas."



Gregory S. Krivonyak, Class of 2003, practices occupational and environmental medicine as well as urgent care medicine at Solantic Baptist Urgent Care in Jacksonville, Fla. He completed an occupational and environmental residency program with a master of science degree in public health

in August 2008. He and his wife, Aimee Dorine, have a daughter, Madelyn Reilly, born in August 2009.

April E. Kilgore, Class of 2004, has joined University Pediatrics in Huntington after returning from fellowship training at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The Huntington area native will be the only pediatric infectious disease specialist in the area.



J. William "Billy" Jones, Class of 2005, completed his Critical Care Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in June and received an award for being chief fellow. He is now a staff anesthesiologist at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Ian A. Maher, Class of 2005, is a Procedural Dermatology Fellow, Department of Dermatology, Virginia Commonwealth University. He and his wife, Mary Brooke White, Class of 2004, welcomed a daughter Evelyn Virginia on August 5.

Eliza E. Robertson, Class of 2005, is completing a one-year fellowship in neuro-muscular disorders at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Elizabeth M. Schmidt, Class of 2005, finished her general surgical residency at the University of

Illinois Metro Group in June. She is now in a one-year minimally invasive and bariatric fellowship at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Elizabeth and her husband, Myron, became grandparents on Feb 7, 2010, when her daughter, Morgan, gave birth to her first child. Their middle son, Eric, starts DePaul University in the fall, leaving their youngest, Ryan, at home to start his sophomore year in high school.



Jeremie H. and Rye E. Estep, both Class of 2008. Jeremie is in his first year of a pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at St. Jude. Rye is finishing the last year of residency and has signed a contract with Mid-South Ob/Gyn in Memphis. They have a son, Heath.



Ronald E. "Reg" Greer II, Class of 2006, is in private practice with River Valley Health in Ravenswood, W.Va. He resides in Ripley with wife, Amanda, son, Trey, 4, and daughter,

Alee Belle, born in March 2010.

Theresa "Tracy" R. Kent, Class of 2006, has accepted a one-year fellowship in spinal cord injury medicine in Richmond, Va. She will be working primarily with paraplegics and quadriplegics, but also some with brain injuries and amputees. The focus will be on neurogenic bowel/bladder plasticity and other medical complications specifically related to spinal cord injuries.

Jillian M. McCagg, Class of 2006, is finishing general surgery in 2011 and will be doing a pediatric trauma surgery fellowship at the University of Cincinnati (Ohio) Children's Hospital.

Mickey F. Plymale, Class of 2006, is in his chief year of orthopaedic surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Next year he will be doing a fellowship in sports medicine with Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala.



Elizabeth "Betsy" A. Dovec, Class of 2007, and Aaron Wik married on October 3, 2009, at St. Stanislaus Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. Betsy is a

fourth-year surgery resident at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. She plans to do a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery. Aaron is employed as an account manager with General Mills.

C. Andrew Gilliland, Class of 2007, is beginning a primary care sports medicine fellowship at The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Hayley, have a 1 year-old daughter, Briley Celeste.

Jeffrey K. Harris, Class of 2007, has begun a pediatric cardiology fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Shabbir M. Matcheswalla, Class of 2007, is a clinical professor of medicine at The Ohio State University.

Richard. P. "Richie" Mullen III, Class of 2007, is continuing his psychiatry and juvenile psychiatry track at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Jeremy S. Ramey, Class of 2007, is beginning a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Columbia University in New York.

Jay A. Shepherd and Meagan W. Shepherd, both Class of 2007. Jay was selected as anesthesiology chief resident at Tulane University and received, for the second year in a row, the Resident Teacher of the Year Award by his department. Meagan is the



just celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary.

Craig D. Seaman and Susan K. Saunders, both Class of 2008, were married Aug. 7, 2010. Craig is beginning a fellowship in hematology/oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center beginning July 2011.



Erica B. Shaver, Class of 2008. "My husband Darrell and I have recently celebrated the birth of our first daughter, Madison Faith Shaver, born on August 4, 2010. We are so

excited and feel so blessed to have her in our family. I am in my last year of emergency medicine residency at WVU."

William D. Terrell, Class of 2009, of Columbus, Ohio, is a second year resident in ophthalmology at The Ohio State University.

What's Happening With You?

For upcoming class notes, clip and return to Linda S. Holmes, 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV 25701, or email your information to holmes@marshall.edu, or complete the form on the alumni webpage at <http://musom.marshall.edu/alumni/wgowy.asp>.

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The Daniel J. & Teresa R. Cowell Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Daniel Cowell created a scholarship in honor of his parents, Daniel J. and Teresa R. Cowell, in 1999 to help a first year medical student with financial need achieve his or her goal of becoming a doctor. Since then, eight future doctors have benefited from this generous award.

“My parents were very hard-working,” he said. “My father, who grew up in an orphanage, never went beyond the third grade. Yet, he was self-educated and was a talented painter. He met my mother at art school, where she would go on to become a teacher. They put me through school without complaint. I thought it was time to recognize them. And because Marshall gave me so much, I decided to establish the scholarship at Marshall.

“One never achieves anything of value alone,” Cowell continued. “No matter what you do in life, you have others to help you. Therefore, it is essential to give back to the honest, hard-working people who don’t have much. These are the people who keep the world going, and they should be recognized. What better way than a scholarship to those who need a hand?

“Whatever my role was, from chair of the Department of Psychiatry to a part-time professorship the last several years, I tried to contribute in every way possible. I miss the people there very much.”

Cowell retired in 2002 as chair of the Department of Psychiatry, having been in that role since 1994. He continued in his positions of professor and associate dean for graduate medical education. He was promoted to senior associate dean for graduate medical education

in 2005. During his tenure as associate dean, his special accomplishments included developing a core curriculum series for residents and overseeing Marshall’s implementation of resident duty hour restrictions.

He is particularly proud of a program he set up within the psychiatry residency in 1994 where students spent eight weeks at a hospice center. “I felt they needed to know as much as possible about the late stages of dying,” Cowell said. “The experience became so popular the students continued to volunteer and even formed bonds with the families. It was the first program of its kind in the country. I feel this experience is important to the development of the medical students as physicians.”

Before coming to Marshall, he spent 33 years with the U.S. Public Health Service, including serving as director of the Office of Mental Health and chief psychiatrist for the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Daniel’s wife, Diana, is retired as a medical social worker from Hospice of Huntington and Ashland. They met at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington, D.C., where he received his residency training. Diana worked in psychodrama.

The Cowells have four children: Keith, in San Diego; Kelly, in Washington, D.C.; Michael, in Dover, Del.; and the youngest, Dana, a police officer in Huntington.

Daniel and Diana plan to move to their Bethany Beach, Del., home, 500 steps from the beach, and enjoy their retirement with boating and beaching.

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Retiring OB/GYN department chairman Robert Nerhood honored by conference room naming

After Robert Nerhood joined the faculty as chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1992, his leadership helped build a successful practice and residency program at the School of Medicine.

“When I joined the faculty there were three physicians and we were in the Doctors’ Memorial Hospital on Sixth Avenue – the old brick edifice,” Nerhood said. “My number one assignment was to establish an active department and get the necessary doctors and space to develop a residency program.”

Nerhood initially recruited his faculty from physicians in the community. The department eventually moved to Hal Greer Boulevard across from Cabell Huntington Hospital with an expanded faculty of seven physicians, including a perinatologist, an oncologist and a nurse midwife. The first application was made for a residency program and, after a provisional period, approval as an accredited four-year program was granted in 2004. Since its onset, more than 30 residents have graduated from the OB/GYN program.

“At the end of the 20th century, we moved to the fourth floor of the Marshall Medical Center,” Nerhood said. “It was interesting how we got the penthouse suite. No one else wanted it because it didn’t open to the atrium. We ended up with a good deal because we have a conference room, decreased noise and better temperature control.”

There is now a faculty of 15, and the excellence, dedication and support of that faculty is unquestionably the reason for the department’s success, according to Nerhood.

In July Nerhood retired from the School of Medicine and the practice of medicine. For the last year, he served as senior associate dean for clinical affairs in addition to chair of his



department. In tribute to his leadership, the School of Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are honoring him by naming the department’s conference room the Dr. Robert C. Nerhood Conference Room. The gifts received for this honor will be used to establish an endowed fund for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s education and training programs.

“This was an unexpected honor,” Nerhood said. “It almost makes me blush. I had no expectations of anything like this. It is great.

“The most important thing I want to say is... the reason I have been successful is that I have had incredible support from the medical school at all levels, beginning with the dean and extending to the staff. I could not have accomplished what I did without them doing what I asked and making me look good.”

Nerhood certainly will not be bored as a retiree. “I am going to play golf in August, paint the interior of my beach house in Seabrook

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In Memoriam



Dr. Ernest W. Chick

Dr. Ernest W. Chick, 82, passed away on June 12, 2010, at his home in Milford, Ohio. Dr. Chick was a professor of family medicine from November 1982 until his retirement in December 1990. Beginning in September 1985, he also served as the first director of continuing medical education for the Marshall School of Medicine.

Dr. Loren J. Ledford, 42, SOM Class of 1994, of Ashland, Ky., died Monday, December 28, 2009, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Amy Jones Ledford, and their children, Preston Allen and Bethany Nicole. He was a family medicine physician in Ashland and had established Ledford Family Care. He was a caring and beloved physician to thousands of patients and was the team physician for the Ashland Tomcats. Memorial contributions for Dr. Ledford can be made to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards Class of 1994 Endowment and sent to the attention of Linda S. Holmes, director, Development and Alumni Affairs, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV 25701.

Dr. Ernest M. "Ernie" Walker, Jr., 66, of Huntington passed away Friday, June 11, 2010. He joined the faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in 1992 and served until his death. Dr. Walker was the chairman of the Department of Pathology from June 1992 until January 1998. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Marshall University School of Medicine.

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“Are You Tough Enough?”



First state meeting of the American Medical Association–Medical Student Section of West Virginia was held in Charleston on January 30-31, 2010. The conference, created by third-year medical students Alice Hensley (MUJCESOM) and Jennifer Armbruster (WVU), was themed “Are You Tough Enough?” and encouraged attendees to adopt healthy lifestyles. The inspiration for this novel gathering of West Virginia medical students was a desire to motivate the state’s future physicians to lead by example and inspire others.

Highlights of the conference included keynote speaker Dr. Greg Heywood of Charleston, whose talk, “Dream Big, Do Big: the Ironman,” focused on the importance of taking time for exercise as a medical student, and the 47-time marathoner Sharon Marks, who challenged the future physicians to lead a health

revolution by example. Meeting participants from WVU and MUJCESOM were also treated to demonstrations on exercise in the wilderness by Dr. Charles W. “Chuck” Clements, MUJCESOM Class of 1997; an anatomy and yoga session by Asit Goswami (MS2); a lecture on healthy eating on a medical student budget by Let’s Get Moving! program coordinator Kayleigh Dye; and an “Are You Tough Enough?” intense workout session led by Sharon Marks. Educational programming included a suturing workshop, a panel discussion on preparing for USMLE Step 1, and insights into applying for residency. The weekend concluded with a children’s health fair at a Charleston area elementary school. Funding was made possible by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association.

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Island, S.C., in September, then move my bride of 26 years, Deborah, to the island where we will become bicycle-riding, golf-playing, horse-caring-for beach bums. I plan to also pound some nails for Habitat for Humanity, a cause I really care about.”

The Nerhoods have “great kids.” Rob is an engineer, Tim is a lawyer and Justin is doing a neurology residency.

Before coming to Marshall, Nerhood was chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Berkshire Medical Center and clerkship coordinator for the Berkshire Medical Center/ University of Massachusetts School of Medicine. He is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Medicine, with internship and residency training at Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital and WVU.

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Members of the team, all Class of 2010: (L to R) Drs. Nathan S. Hill, Coben Thorn, Andrea M. Orvik, Brent G. Glover, with advisor, Dr. Lynne Goebel

The official scoreboard tells the story: When students from the state’s medical schools competed in the recent state-level American College of Physicians Doctor’s Dilemma™ Competition, the team from Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine walked away with a decisive win.

After leading in the first round of the “medical jeopardy” competition, the team stretched its lead in the second round, then emerged as an 1191-point victor after correctly answering the final question. Shown here with faculty sponsor Dr. Lynne Goebel (right) are team members Nathan Hill of Huntington (holding scoreboard), Brent Glover from Franklin (lower right), Coben Thorn from

Mullens and Andrea Orvik from Weston.

Two physicians in Marshall’s internal medicine residency program also won recognition during the ACP meeting: Dr. Tae Hoon Lee had the winning case presentation and Dr. Yousef Darrat won the research competition.

The events were part of the 2009 West Virginia Chapter Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians, held last October in Huntington. ACP’s national medical jeopardy competition, ACP Doctor’s Dilemma™, is held each year at the scientific internal medicine meeting. Up to 40 teams of residents from around the nation compete for the title of national champion.

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